class shall require, shall keep at all times a correct list of the members and of the attendance of same, and shall be responsible for any newspaper articles concerning the class.

ARTICLE X — ATTENDANCE

Any member who has been absent from 10 of the regular meetings during the current year, except on account of illness or bereavement, shall be dropped from the roll.

ARTICLE XI — PROGRAM

The President shall appoint at the last meeting in April, a committee of not less than three (3) to submit a program for the coming year, at the annual September business meeting. When the program has been presented by the committee and accepted by the class, each person shall become responsible for her part on that program, and the President shall not be responsible for any person, or part, other than her own.

ARTICLE XII — AMENDMENTS

Amendments and revisions to the Constitution shall be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members, and shall be proposed one meeting in advance of being voted on.

ARTICLE XIII — EMERITUS STATUS

There will be a category of emeritus membership which may be bestowed on members who resign from the class. This position will be chosen at the discretion of the class.

THE SHAKESPEARE CLASS

Smithfield, Virginia

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October, 2008

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 — NAME

The name of this organization shall be "THE SHAKESPEARE CLASS."

ARTICLE II — OBJECT

The object of the class shall be the study of Shakespeare and the drama.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of this class shall be limited to twenty.

Section 2. When a vacancy occurs in the membership, the President shall request each member who so desires, to present a name at the next meeting. All names shall be presented one meeting in advance of being voted on.

Section 3. The voting shall be by secret ballot. The name polling fifteen or more votes shall be admitted to the vacancy in the membership. If two or more names are presented and no name polls fifteen votes, the class shall re-ballot on the two names polling the greater number of votes, and the candidate declared elected who receives as many as fifteen votes. If there are other vacancies in the membership, the class shall re-ballot on the remaining names and proceed as before.

Section 4. Members of the class who are absent with good excuse may vote by mail, or letter or telegram, addressed to the President. This absentee vote must be signed, and no vote by oral message shall be allowed.

Section 5. The annual dues shall be voted on and payable at the annual business meeting in September.

ARTICLE IV — MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held every Thursday afternoon, from three to five o'clock, beginning the last Thursday in September and ending the third Thursday in April, with the following exceptions: Thanksgiving Thursday, the last two Thursdays in December, and the first Thursday in January, should the same fall on New Year's Day.

ARTICLE V — OFFICERS

The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Publicity Chairman, and one Member-at-Large, to be elected for a term of two years. The officers are to be elected for a term of two years. The officers and member-at-large shall comprise an Advisory Board, which shall transact business for the class.

ARTICLE VI — METHOD OF ELECTION

The President shall appoint a nominating committee the last meeting in April, to submit a slate at the annual business meeting in September. Additional names may be proposed from the floor and the nominations voted on.

ARTICLE VII — PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at meetings, have a general supervision of the study, and appoint such committees as shall be necessary. She shall call special meetings, and be ex-officio a member of all committees.

ARTICLE VII — VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall assume the President's duties in the latter's absence.

ARTICLE IX — SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of each meeting, shall do the correspondence for the class, shall keep a record of plays read and dates thereof; shall collect and disburse such money as the business of the